



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 7 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 234 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 6, 2021, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 6, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through November 6, 2021 for the United States were 8.16 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021	November 6, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,759	33,084	31,180	31,803	33,001	33,010
Arkansas	24,678	24,101	23,088	24,667	24,422	24,586
Delaware	4,055	4,047	4,161	4,440	4,670	4,554
Florida	1,198	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,241	32,892	32,947	33,382	34,814	34,456
Kentucky	7,905	7,063	7,460	7,866	8,202	7,228
Louisiana	2,880	2,858	2,976	3,123	3,033	3,229
Maryland	7,915	7,744	7,590	7,807	7,856	7,869
Mississippi	15,747	16,769	16,362	16,839	16,735	16,768
Missouri	9,224	9,659	9,188	9,274	8,605	8,891
North Carolina	23,118	23,583	23,728	24,530	24,957	25,047
Oklahoma	7,125	7,382	7,316	7,734	7,541	6,787
Pennsylvania	6,583	6,578	6,569	6,431	6,506	6,535
South Carolina	5,818	5,669	5,823	5,859	5,475	5,546
Texas	17,084	17,453	17,734	18,159	18,020	17,045
Virginia	6,468	6,591	6,710	6,726	6,496	6,450
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,780	12,461	12,616	12,472	13,127	12,561
Other States	11,738	12,738	12,351	11,250	12,018	12,726
United States	230,316	231,866	228,993	233,556	236,672	234,482
Percent of previous year	102	107	102	106	106	107

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending					
	October 2, 2021	October 9, 2021	October 16, 2021	October 23, 2021	October 30, 2021	November 6, 2021
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,062	22,573	22,520	21,780	23,335	22,680
Arkansas	18,924	20,072	20,896	20,726	20,760	18,776
Delaware	3,681	3,847	4,522	4,411	4,657	4,761
Florida	1,302	1,311	1,301	1,256	1,335	1,332
Georgia	26,436	25,236	26,435	26,164	24,540	24,071
Kentucky	5,964	5,681	6,104	5,750	5,640	5,316
Louisiana	2,060	2,676	2,711	2,414	2,422	2,506
Maryland	5,335	4,796	5,405	5,061	4,961	5,061
Mississippi	13,604	13,445	14,034	12,775	13,745	13,634
Missouri	6,793	5,189	7,044	6,718	6,329	6,300
North Carolina	18,032	18,438	19,481	18,840	18,537	18,719
Oklahoma	3,629	4,512	3,772	3,678	3,563	5,258
Pennsylvania	4,814	4,884	4,674	4,693	4,756	4,761
South Carolina	4,650	5,503	4,751	4,896	4,725	5,218
Texas	14,371	12,842	13,813	13,677	13,536	13,613
Virginia	6,388	6,248	5,568	5,643	5,400	5,250
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,051	10,937	9,388	10,610	10,790	11,508
Other States	9,251	9,299	8,473	8,895	9,496	9,191
United States	179,347	177,489	180,892	177,987	178,527	177,955
Percent of previous year	99	98	102	98	104	99

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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